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Application No.: 10/017,505)	Group Art Unit: 3652
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Filed: December 18, 2001)	Examiner: T. Tran
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For: DEVICE FOR CARRYING ARTICLE)	
INTO AND FROM CONTAINER,)	
METHOD FOR INTRODUCING AND)	
DISCHARGING ARTICLE INTO AND)	
FROM CONTAINER, AND PALLET FOR)	
CARRYING ARTICLE)	

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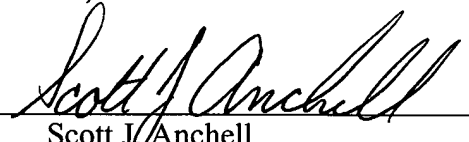
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, the period for response to which extends through November 2, 2003, Applicants elect the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-12, directed to Figs. 9-13, 18, and 28 for examination on the merits.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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